

## **REPORT OF AMERICAN RED CROSS Granite Chapter**

On behalf of the American Red Cross I am submitting a summary report of the Granite Chapter. Our Chapter works with 140 communities in the Concord area, Lakes Region and North Country providing disaster relief, emergency preparedness, courses in health and safety, blood drives, volunteer and your leadership opportunities, aid to military families, and training for Licenses Nurse Assistants. Our telephone number is 225-8697.

The chapter has been active in and around your community in many ways.

- Seventeen disaster-trained volunteers from the chapter's Laconia/Belmont area Disaster Action Team which responds to disasters day or night in Alton and surrounding towns. In all, the Granite Chapter has seven disaster Action Teams with about 100 specially trained volunteers throughout our service area. The other teams are based in Concord, New London, Plymouth, Berlin, Littleton, and Colebrook/Pittsburg, and they travel to meet the disaster needs in any of our towns.
- Last year the disaster volunteers were on the scene of a fire in Alton. They provided the family with comfort and support for food, clothing, lodging and other critical needs. In all last year, the disaster volunteers and staff of the Granite Chapter assisted 236 people, including 88 children, who needed emergency assistance after 87 disasters.
- The chapter's health and safety classes are held at the chapter office in concord and in communities throughout our jurisdiction. These classes include CPR, First Aid, use of AEDs, Baby Sitter Training, Sale on My Own (for ages 8-11) and Pet First Aid. We can arrange for Red Cross classes to be held in Alton with an enrollment of six or more participants. Also we have trained people in your community to be Red Cross instructors for businesses, summer camps, and other groups in Alton and neighboring towns.
- Last year, there were 225 blood drives in the Towns that we serve. Donors generously gave a total of 1,2749 pints of lifesaving blood during those drives. Three of those drives were in Alton where 150 donors gave the "gift of life".

The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization. We depend on generous donations of time and money from the American people to support our services. With your help we can ensure that the Red Cross can train and prepare people for emergencies, and respond swiftly and effectively to families in need at times of disasters. The volunteers and staff of this chapter look forward to continuing to serve the community of Alton.

Sincerely,

Timothy F. Murray, Regional Executive Director